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Telegraph Companies Must Open All Offices by October 7th, or Lose Their Franchise.

According to a dispatch from Guthrie, Oklahoma, the Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies have only seven days to get their wires in condition to handle the business properly. Since the strike of telegraphers these companies have been unable to give the public decent service and the people have just right to appeal to the courts for better service. Under the laws the companies can be deprived of their franchises if they do not furnish proper service and if this is not done within seven days. Attorney W. O. Cromwell will bring suit to take up the franchises now held by these corporations.

The ultimatum is the result of the petition of striking telegraphers who secured a mass of evidence purporting to show that neither company has been handling public business in a satisfactory manner since the general strike.

The demand made by the attorney general is that the wire companies handles messages offered them "at whatever cost." It means that all the offices now closed in Oklahoma must be opened before October 7 and that those which are now being operated with depleted forces must be filled with competent men.

Under the terms of the attorney

general's demand the "indefinite delay" to which all messages are subjected must be eliminated and that the same facilities of sending and receiving telegrams prevailing before the strike must be secured.

The move is regarded as a victory for the strikers. They have spent weeks in securing the evidence. The same action is being taken in other states to bring the companies to time and call off the strike.

Vinitans Met The President.

Wednesday's St. Louis Republic contained a likeness of Ed Lee of Vinita, who headed the delegation to salute President Roosevelt on his visit to St. Louis Wednesday. Fifteen governors of a many states were present to pay their respects to the chief executive of the nation. They accompanied the president to Memphis where Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Water convention will be held this week.

Gas Well Burning.

The gas well nine miles northeast of Collinsville, owned by J. C. Noble, which took fire two weeks ago is still burning. Men are engaged digging a tunnel and it is hoped that the flames will be cut off within a few days. It is estimated that 50,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas is being consumed by the flames every 24 hours. If it is not gotten under control soon the Interior department will take steps to have it done. Experts say that when the fire is out of the well will destroy other gasers in that vicinity.

A FEW QUESTIONS

Who Will be Responsible for the Government Prisoners When Statehood is Adopted?

What will be the disposition of the prisoners held in the Federal 'jails' at this place, Muskogee, South McAlester and Ardmore, belonging to the various districts when the statehood flag is run to the masthead is a burning question that is puzzling those in authority, as well as the public generally.

How will the state's prisoners get their breakfast the next morning after the government's authority ceases?

Into whose charge will the state's prisoners be given?

What, if any, provisions can be made by the counties from which prisoners are now held as federal prisoners; to hold and feed them until such a time as they can provide jails for the caring of their own criminals when statehood is finally declared?

What is to prevent the attorneys representing the various prisoners from being on hand and through habeas corpus proceedings secure the liberty of their client, on the point that the government authority no longer exists and that their client cannot be held to the state under an indictment found by the Federal authorities who no longer have jurisdiction over prisoners not charged with violating federal laws?

W. H. Darrough, United States marshal for the Northern district of Indian Territory, considers the condition a serious one, and says that he knows of no way to solve the matter. "It will take time, and lots of it," said Marshal Darrough, "to get things into good running shape after statehood has been declared, and for this reason just what is to be done with the United States prisoners after my authority ceases is a question yet to be determined.

"One thing is certain," said he, "the prisoners not generally considered in the Federal class now legally held as Federal prisoners cannot be held without authority from the counties to which they will belong, after the flag of statehood is unfurled, unless some provision can be made immediately after midnight on the date when Federal authority ceases. To care for and feed the prisoners is a responsibility that no will care to, or have the authority to assume."

Just what the outcome will be is a matter which will be watched with a great deal of interest by the people of the new state, as well as by those of other states, the situation taking precedence of any that has ever been brought to the attention of our people. The prisoners now confined in the Federal jail here number 143, and they are charged with almost every offense known to the criminal calendar.

PARDONS BAD MAN

Governor Frantz Releases John Reeves From the Lansing, Penitentiary.

Guthrie, Okla., Oct. 1.—The most historic jail-break in Oklahoma's history is recalled by the pardoning from the Lansing penitentiary by Governor Frantz, announced Tuesday, of John Reeves, who was sentenced for life and taken to the penitentiary on December 21, 1896, on conviction of murder in the second degree.

Reeves, who was then between 18 and 20 years old, was convicted of carrying revolvers from Pottawatomie county to the county jail in Oklahoma City and giving them to the Christian brothers and a prisoner, named Casey, outlaws confined in the jail awaiting trial.

Using these guns, the outlaws broke jail and escaped, never having been seen or heard from since the day they escaped, June 30, 1895.

In getting away, however, the Christian brothers killed Milton Jones, then chief of police of Oklahoma City, who attempted to stop them, and it was for the indirect murder of Jones that young Reeves was convicted and sentenced for life. One of the Christians was escaping on Jones' horse when he shot and killed the officer. His brother Christian jumped into a drag and, at the point of a revolver, compelled the driver to whip up, and dashing down the center of Grand avenue escaped.

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FATAL HORSE TRADE

Charles Arnold Killed Man Who Swindled Him—Makes no Effort to Conceal His Indentity.

Perry, Okla., Oct. 3.—Chas. Arnold, charged with killing a horse trader named Riggs, at Wellington, Kansas, Friday morning, has been arrested here and is being held in the county jail for the Kansas authorities. Arnold makes no effort to conceal his connection with the killing but told the officers this straight story.

"I am 29 years old. I live ten miles southwest of Wellington. I bought a pair of mules from Riggs who is a professional horse trader and paid him \$275 for the team on the guarantee that they were sound. They were not as represented and then I went to him and he refused to return the money and take back the mules. In the argument which followed I shot him with a 38 Smith & Wesson revolver. I don't know how many times I shot. I was scared and jumping on my horse started south. I learned of afterwards he died. I met a farmer 25 miles south and he drove me to Blackwell, there I changed teams and came on to Tonkawa. From there I came to Billings and on to Perry where I was arrested."

SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR HASKELL

It is semi-officially announced that Governor-elect Charles N. Haskell has chosen J. E. Wyands of Muskogee to be his private secretary. Mr. Wyands is chairman of the Muskogee county board of commissioners, an appointee of the constitutional convention, and was chosen a member by the convention of the supreme state election board which was knocked out by the supreme court decisions. During the campaign he was in charge of the Democratic speakers' bureau.

PLATT A LIFE-SAVER.

Senator's Advice Brought Friend to See Joy of Living.

"Did you ever hear how Senator Platt saved Ashley W. Cole's life?" asked one of the aman corner regulars.

"While Ashley Cole was railroad commissioner he went to Platt's apartments and said, 'Senator, you know that I have been suffering from rheumatism in the small of my back for about five years. The pain has almost driven me mad. I have suffered tortures. I have tried a score of doctors, going from one to the other as each failed to give me relief. Recently I have thought of suicide as the only escape, and I have come to consult with you, my closest friend, on that very subject.'

"Suicide!" said Platt. "Stuff and nonsense. Before you think seriously of passing in your checks, why not go uptown and see the man who has done such wonders with my crippled legs?"

"Cole hadn't much faith in the expert, but agreed to call on him to satisfy his old friend, the senator.

"Rheumatism, eh?" said the expert, as he examined Cole's back. "I guess not. Just lean over this chair."

"Cole complied. The expert struck him a powerful blow on the back and commanded him to straighten up."

"How is the pain?" he asked.

"It's gone," said Cole with a shout of joy.

"It was merely a dislocated muscle and Cole did not commit suicide."—New York American.

ARE WORLD'S FINEST STABLES.

Most Luxurious Horse Quarters on Earth to Be Found in Newport.

No one feature of Newport extravagance more clearly shows the mint of money lavished on this playground of millionaires than the wonderful stables attached to every establishment, says the Broadway Magazine.

Take, for instance, the O. H. P. Belmont villa. It has a stable for its ground floor of such dimensions that a coach and four can drive in, turn about and drive out again. It contains the most elaborate equipment of carriages and harness in the world; its walls are decorated with rare old prints and blue-ribbon prizes. The estates of the Vanderbilts, Alfred and Reginald, at Sand's Point, are veritable villages of stables. As

you pass, Dr. Austin Flint whirrs by in his motor, and you remember that people from Maine to California are reading that "Miss Reginald Vanderbilt is confined in the house with a cold."

The mere incidents impress you at first with the extravagance of Newport. The prices of papers, periodicals, candy, flowers, etc., are doubled. The millionaire sets the pace even in the simple process of buying a paper of pins. But these details are not of importance; what is important is the gigantic abortive extravagance dreamed of in the philosophy of the millionaire, and ably shown by the magnificent homes of the very horses and motor cars.

Ship Sinking in Quicksand.

Broadside on the sands of the west coast the big Kosmos liner Seseestria is bleaching in the sun, a helpless wreck, frustrating every attempt to move her from the quicksand in which she daily sinks lower and lower until in the course of time she will probably be completely swallowed. The last and final attempt to save the valuable ship was made by the Anahis, one of the Kosmos ships, now in this port. The Seseestria went aground at Ocoa, Peru, about six months ago, and due to her having lost her anchor. Although she struck head on, she has been washed by the waves until she has swung around broadside and is now high and dry on the beach.

It is possible at all times to board her without wetting one's feet, and at low tide she is completely out of the water. There were at times rumors of her being converted into a hotel. —Seattle Times.

Mistakes of Drug Clerks.

"There is one loss sustained by druggists that very few people know about," said the experienced clerk. "That is in the prescriptions that have to be made over, the same as clerks, stenographers, writers and artists, no matter how painstaking, frequently have to do their work over. The most careful drug clerk in existence is bound to make mistakes sometimes in measuring and mixing.

"He may pour in too much of some kind of liquid or sift in too much of a certain powder. In most cases the overdose would not really affect the value of the medicine, but the conscientious clerk is always going to take any chances of murdering anybody, so he throws away the whole mixture and makes up another prescription."

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